

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1838.

D<sup>r</sup> R. M. Patterson,  
Sir,

I have the pleasure

of enclosing you a specimen of our Coinage; a  
Dime, one of thirty pieces struck on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr.  
Tyler found the press required readjusting and that  
there was danger of breaking it and only struck a few  
pieces; ten of which were deposited in the Corner Stone  
of the New American Theatre which was laid the same  
day: the remainder distributed as mementos of the event.

I also enclose Mr. Lasee's  
Bond and Oath of Office. I expect my most  
estimable friend Judge Butler will hand you this;  
and I feel great pleasure at communicating through  
him the enclosed.

Your Hum. Servt

David Bradford  
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